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MEMORANDUM FOR: SUBJECT : Report of Message Center Operation  
1 - 31 May 19551. Cables Processed

a. The Cable Secretariat reproduced and disseminated a total of 15,197 cables during the month of May 1955. This is a slight increase over the total processed in April 1955 and 1,719 cables or 11% more than May 1954. The May volume sets a new all time high for the Cable Secretariat for the third consecutive month. Tab A compares May totals with those of April and provides a tabulated account of DD/I suspense items handled during the month.

b. Cables processed and disseminated to the Director during the month of May totaled 923 or 6% of the total volume handled. The total for April was 1,229 or 8% of the total volume handled.

2. Personnel

a. Our personnel situation changed very little during May. Although we gained two clerk typists, this gain will be lost in the first week of June when we will lose one cable analyst by resignation and one typist by transfer to the Office of the Director.

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b.  Assistant Watch Officer, plans to be married in August, at which time she will resign from the Agency. She hopes that circumstances will develop which will permit her to resume her career after the first of the year. A vacancy permitting, we would be very happy to have her back.

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c. Mr.  Assistant Watch Officer, received his promotion to GS-11 on 22 May 1955.

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d. On 23 May 1955, the Deputy Director (Support) approved our request for a ceiling increase of ten positions. With the approval of these ten positions, our T/O now has twelve vacancies. Recruitment requests have been submitted to the Office of Personnel and they have assured me that they will do everything possible to fill our vacant slots promptly.

3. General

a. Tab B is attached for your information. It explains the Cable Secretariat work simplification projects for the fiscal year 1957. A copy of this program has also been sent to the Management Staff.

b. As indicated in paragraph 1 of this report, this is the third consecutive month that the Cable Secretariat has set an all time high in cable traffic. I took this opportunity to express my appreciation to the staff. Tab C is a copy of this memorandum.

c. On 16 May 1955, [ ] reviewed one day's incoming traffic in connection with our DD/I suspense system. He expressed an interest in but two cables, neither of which, it was agreed, contained substantive intelligence.

d. I have indicated my concurrence in a recommendation that the overnight courier service between Headquarters [ ] established in February on a trial basis be continued. The recommendation prepared for the Director, over Mr. Wisner's signature, indicated that all concerned were in agreement that the trial has been successful, and that overall communications between Headquarters and those stations, as a result of the fast courier service, have been improved materially.

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Cable Secretary

Attachments: Tabs A, B, C

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TRAFFIC SUMMARY FOR MAY 1955

CABLES PROCESSED

TYPE	MAY 1955	APRIL 1955	INCREASE
IN Cables	10, 114	9, 873	/ 241
OUT Cables	5, 083	5, 210	- 127
TOTALS	15, 197	15, 083	/ 114

PRELIMINARY DISSEMINATIONS

PROCESSED

MAY	APRIL	INCREASE
439	422	/ 17

CABLES FURNISHED DCI

Cables briefed for and distributed to DCI totaled 923 or 6% of the total volume handled. This compares to 1, 229 or 8% for the month of April 1955.

CABLES SUSPENDED OR FURNISHED DD/I

During May 1955, 202 cables were suspended for the DD/I. The following actions were taken.

Copies distributed to DD/I, AD/CI and FI/RQM	72
Preliminary Disseminations Prepared	77
Disseminated to OCI via TTY	22
Intelligence furnished to DD/I and OCI by action office	--
Filed without Dissemination to DD/I. (incorrectly suspended)	31

A total of 1, 171 cables and PDs were furnished DD/I. This includes copies of incoming cables which were subsequently furnished again as PDs.